

**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**  
**HB 4185 – SB 4119**

April 17, 2008

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (016665):** Deletes the original bill in its entirety. Requires the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to remove or enter into a contract to remove tires and associated debris from the Nolichucky River.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact – Removing these waters from regulation by the WQCA places the state in conflict with the federal Clean Water Act and will place approximately \$2,100,000 in federal funds in jeopardy.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$225,000/One-Time**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- It is estimated that there are at least 15,000 tires to be removed from the Nolichucky River.
- Based upon the price of similar work done on a portion of the Nolichucky River last year, it is assumed that the cost to remove tires from the river is approximately \$15.00 per tire. This results in a one-time increase in state expenditures of approximately \$225,000 (\$15 x 15,000).
- TDEC will contract for tire removal.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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